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Demand By Arabs Cessation Of Immigration

Jerusalem, Feb. 27.
The Palestine Arab Higher Committee to-day demanded that the British Government stop Jewish immigration into Palestine completely.

In a statement replying to Mr. Bevin's House of Commons statement on Palestine the Committee said: "Continued Jewish immigration—despite all proofs that immigration fundamentally affects the Arab position not only in Palestine but also in other Arab countries—is causing us grave anxiety."

"Palestine Arabs hope they will win a just and sympathetic hearing when their case is brought before the United Nations and that the United Nations will admit their legitimate right to freedom and independence and enable them to ward off the evil resulting from the Anglo-Zionist conspiracy."—Reuter.

SHIP INTERCEPTED

Jerusalem, Feb. 28.
A government source said that British destroyers intercepted another ship carrying Jews attempting to enter Palestine illegally. Jewish sources said the ship was the Haim Rikoff. They said she was carrying 1,350 displaced persons from Europe.

On the political scene an Arab informant said British instructed officials in the Palestine mandate government to sound out Arab reaction in the event the United Nations inform the United Nations the willingness to evacuate the Holy Land. Many Arabs fear if the British withdraw, the Zionists would be able to bring hundreds of thousands of Jewish settlers to the sparsely settled areas.—Associated Press.

MARSHALL'S SUGGESTION

Washington, Feb. 27.
The Secretary of State, General George Marshall, has suggested to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the exploration of the possibility that the United Nations consider the Palestine problem before the next scheduled meeting of the General Assembly in September, the State Department said to-day.

Shortly after Britain had submitted a memorandum to the United States on handing the Palestine question to the United Nations, General Marshall asked if the British could not explore the ways and means of having the question considered before September. No formal reply has been received from London, the State Department spokesman said. It is believed that General Marshall raised other points for clarification, but the spokesman made no mention of these points.—Reuter.

INTERIM ADMINISTRATION

London, Feb. 27.
The only further diplomatic contacts likely to be initiated by Britain with the Jews and Arabs of Palestine before the whole problem of the country's future is brought before the United Nations will relate to the interim administration of the country, it is believed from reliable sources in London to-day, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The issue on which further contact clearly will be necessary is the Jewish Agency move for an increase in the monthly immigration quota in the near future.

This matter in which the Arabs are also keenly interested and while the final decision on this question will have to be taken at cabinet level, well-informed quarters here doubt that Britain will agree to raise "above the present monthly level for 1,500."—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Time For A Statement

It has been announced that the Governor will surrender his office in Hongkong before the middle of May. It is to be presumed that before he leaves on meritorious retirement he will give the public latest information on the subject of the revised constitution. The last official declaration came from Sir Mark in August, 1946—six months ago—when he broadcast through ZBW both a comprehensive review of the suggestions he had received from public bodies and individuals, and also hinted what he proposed to recommend to Whitehall as a constituent basis for governmental reform. The public is well aware that this is a project of such magnitude that hasty decisions are neither desirable nor expected. On the other hand, the public also recalls government's assurances that it would be kept constantly and fully informed on developments. After a six months' interval, the moment seems ideal for further enlightenment.

It is not proposed, here, to go into the intricate details of what might be the best type of constitutional reform. That has already been given such a public airing, and so many responsible viewpoints have been advanced, that further comment at this stage would run the risk of redundancy. The general modus operandi has been agreed upon; only the details can give rise to discussion or dissent. But it does seem that the public is entitled to a statement showing just how far things have progressed during the past six months. The demand is given weight and insistence in view of the published reports (not officially accredited) that government aims to introduce forms of direct taxation in the next financial year. Somebody (we feel more out of irony than ignorance) recently inquired who it was that originated the "no taxation without representation" tag. Government can rest quite assured that the letter represents general feelings. It may be that a large section of the community does not care two hoots either about taxation or constitutional reform. But if there has to be the one, it is certainly going to expect the other. Wherefore, we suggest that if government intends to introduce direct taxation, it will probably help its cause by previously offering a sweetened sop—a really up-to-the-minute, enticing statement on self-government.

BEVIN URGES RATIFICATION OF TREATIES European Situation Reviewed

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE

London, Feb. 27.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, opening the Commons debate on foreign affairs to-day, said ratification of the peace treaties with the Axis satellites "will allow normality to return to their countries and relationships will be free to be developed on a much more rational basis."

Mr. Bevin said that when the treaties came into force, Britain would be able to withdraw her occupation troops and make them available "for productive work, for which they are sorely needed by this country." He said British forces in Venezia-Giulia alone totalled 45,000 men.

He declared that the situation of Italy and the satellites before, during the war was "most unsatisfactory."

"The Balkan satellites had little choice but to give way under German pressure," Mr. Bevin declared. "In the case of Italy, I do not think that by any stretch of imagination one can say there was enthusiasm for war on Germany's side shown by the Italians."

Turning to reparations, Mr. Bevin said the devastation caused in Russia by invading German, Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian forces "is almost too dreadful to believe."

"Happily," he added, "we were not invaded, although bombed from the air. We did not suffer to the same extent from utter destruction as other countries."

He said he could "quite understand the feelings of the Soviet Union" in its demands for heavy reparations from Germany and the satellites.

TRIESTE PROBLEM

Reviewing the difficulties that preceded the Trieste settlement Mr. Bevin told the House that the 1939 settlement did "great wrong" to Yugoslavia "in trying to put so many of the Slav population under Italian rule."

Despite stormy sessions at Paris and later, Mr. Bevin said that he personally "never has any doubt that Yugoslavia would sign the treaty."

"I feel quite certain she will ratify it...and I have further confidence that she will join with Italy in working it," he stated.

The Minister quietly told the House that the goal had been the establishment of a free port of Trieste, not under the domination of any one power.

There seems to be a lurking fear in these discussions in what is called the Slav group that our object was to use Trieste some day or other as a strategic base.

"That would be a stupid thing to do. It never occurred to me and there never was any intention on the part of the Government or, as far I know, of any other Western power to do any such thing," he said.

READY TO HELP

He congratulated the Italian government on its decision to sign the treaty and reaffirmed Britain's

willingness "to discuss any hardships arising out of its application." He said the Anglo-Italian discussions next month would consider "whether there should be any easing of Italy's financial commitments to us and how to improve our economic relations in future."
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Stalin Said Holding Up Anglo-French Pact

British reports to-day claimed Generalissimo Stalin was holding up the signing of the Anglo-French treaty of alliance.

London, Feb. 27.

Transport In Chaos

Effect of Blizzards

London, Feb. 27.

Although London experienced the warmest night for almost a month last night with the thermometer never falling below freezing point, the severe blizzards which swept north-east England and Scotland during Tuesday night and yesterday have left transport conditions in the north chaotic.

Thirty-nine lines are blocked on the London and North Eastern Railway with further 16 partially blocked, while the main line to Scotland on the London, Midland and Scottish Railway is blocked by snow in Yorkshire, necessitating diversion of all London traffic.

Yorkshire—the worst hit of all counties by the last snowfall—also has 40 roads rendered impassable by snow. Many more roads in the north of England and Scotland are still blocked, although in Scotland the main roads have mostly been cleared by snow ploughs. Access to collieries in many districts is impossible and the weather is retarding the movement of coal and freight traffic.

THAW IN SOUTH

In central and north Wales it was still snowing this morning, but in the southern half of Great Britain the snow thaw continues and the majority of the main roads are reasonably clear.

An improvement in the flow of coal on the Great Western railways system was reported to-day. During the last 30 hours 7,000 tons of coal have reached one London gas company by ship. "We expect another collier this afternoon. Our coal stocks show definite improvement over the last fortnight," an official said.

The spokesman for the London owners of a large coastal shipping fleet said Reuter: "All our colliers are now operating normally. We do not anticipate the weather will cause further dislocation in the arrival of coal ships in the Thames."

London motor vessels succeeded to-day in their attempt to force a passage through a pack of ice blocking the river Yare at Reedham, Norfolk, but were held up again by a newly-formed iceblock two and a half miles from Great Yarmouth. The vessels are now moored at the river bank and a further shipping holdup of at least 48 hours seems likely. A tug has been unable to break through this ice.—Reuter.

Cobbling By Candlelight



Three-candle-power shoe repair study which a photographer caught, showing how London is suffering as a result of the switch-off. The cobbler is Mr. Bert Turner of Brixton.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE TALKS

Britain, France
And Russia

Paris, Feb. 27.

Premier Paul Ramadier to-day revealed that France, Russia and Britain were engaged in three-way negotiations which promised to link them soon in a triple alliance. Ramadier disclosed at a press conference that the negotiations among the Russians, British and French were interwoven into a single fabric with a view to a triple entente.

Government sources said despite British assurances, Stalin remained convinced that the almost constant Anglo-American front against Russia could not always be attributed to common interests alone.

Indicating that rebel Labourites might use the Palestine dispute as a springboard for a renewal of their attacks on Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's foreign policy, R. H. S. Crossman, leader of the rebel group, asserted in a newspaper article that the United States is "running a pro-Arab policy in the Middle East and a pro-Jewish policy at home."

Crossman was a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

In the meantime a Foreign Office spokesman refused to comment on the White House statement on the grounds that "we are reluctant to be drawn into a long controversy in this matter."

SECRET NEGOTIATIONS

The three nations were known to be negotiating secretly but hitherto the only clearest objectives were the Anglo-French alliance and the revision of the Anglo-Soviet treaty. (London reports stated that it was learned Stalin personally intervened in efforts to delay the signing of the Anglo-French alliance.)

Ramadier said France's policy at Moscow would be to act as a mediator between other major powers. He said, "It will be possible to seek halfway positions of conciliation. As far as we are concerned, we shall try within the limits of our ability to create an atmosphere of agreement among nations."

Recalling that Britain and Russia had opened negotiations on revising and bringing up-to-date the Anglo-Soviet alliance at the same time as his veteran Socialist predecessor, Leon Blum, had started the ball rolling for the Anglo-French alliance, Ramadier added, "The Anglo-French negotiations have proceeded methodically, and I can say happily that, if you take into account the difficulties they have met—difficulties which have so far not permitted the settling of various problems."

RAMADIER OPTIMISTIC

Ramadier said, "The talks between London and Moscow have also gone on and they are undoubtedly covering the same problems as the Anglo-French negotiations. There is reason to hope that in the very near future the negotiations will result in treaties placing on all three powers—France, Britain and the Soviet Union—similar obligations having equal value. There is every reason to hope that the result will be achieved and the fact that it can be achieved will create henceforth a different atmosphere from that in which other conferences opened."—United Press.

Faint Signals Picked Up

Singapore, Feb. 27.

Planes searching for the Royal Air Force Dakota missing since yesterday morning with six passengers and four crew off the coast of Malaya reported to-day picking up faint signals believed to come from a RAF-type of rubber dinghy. The search is continuing.

R.A.F. authorities in Hongkong this morning said they had received no additional information as to the fate of the missing Dakota.

BRUCE WOODCOCK ILL

London, Feb. 27.

The British heavyweight champion, Bruce Woodcock, is ill in bed with influenza and bronchial catarrh, and will be unable to defend his European title against Stephen Olek, of France, at Manchester on Monday. The new date for the fight is March 17.

Woodcock's fight with the American, Joe Baski, arranged for Harringway, London, on March 25 may have to be postponed in view of the new date for the Manchester contest.

Baski's manager stated to-night that he was quite prepared to give Woodcock every chance to recover fully from his illness before he meets the American.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

England Starts Disastrously

England made a disastrous start to her first innings in the fifth Test match which opened in Sydney this morning.

Washbrook, who went to the wicket with Hutton, was clean bowled by Lindwall in his first over for a "duck."

Edrich joined Hutton and both carefully watched the accurate Australian attack of Lindwall at one end and Miller the other.

After 15 minutes Hutton had scored three, Edrich one and there was one extra, making the score five for one wicket.—United Press.

Later, After 45 minutes' play, Hutton and Edrich had raised the England score to 21 for 1. Hutton not out 10, Edrich not out 4, extras 1.—United Press.

Later, 30 for 1. Hutton not out 25, Edrich not out 10; extras 4.—Reuter.

LUNCH SCORE

68 for 1. Hutton not out 40, Edrich not out 21; Extras 7.—Reuter.

BRADMAN THROUGH WITH TEST CRICKET

Sydney, Feb. 27.

The fifth and final England-Australia Test match opening here to-morrow features the final appearances in Test cricket of two great batsmen, Don Bradman and Walter Hammond, captains of the Australian and English teams respectively. Both have indicated that they are through with Test cricket.

Five inches of rain in the past week saturated the wicket, which is now protectively covered. There is every prospect of the match being played with a sticky wicket, and therefore some experts favour the prospects of the English bowlers.

With the Ashes already won by Australia and nothing at stake but the honour of the final game, England's batsmen are expected to show improved form, with Denis Compton attempting to set a new record for the highest aggregate for an England player on the Australian tour.

Compton has achieved an aggregate 1,339 runs in 20 completed innings and requires 216 runs to beat Walter Hammond's 1,553 in the 1928-29 tour.

The Australian team shows three changes from the fourth Test match, the 12 selected being as follows: Don Bradman, Lindsay Hassett, Keith Miller, Arthur Morris, Sidney Barnes, Donald Tallon, Bruce Dooley, Robert Lindwall, Colin McCool, Edward Toshack, Ronald Hammond, George Teague, Walter Hammond, Denis Compton, William Edrich, Norman Yardley, Jack Ikin, Peter Smith, Alec Bedser, Tom Evans, Cyril Washbrook, Len Shutt, Denis Wright, Laurence Fishlock.—United Press.

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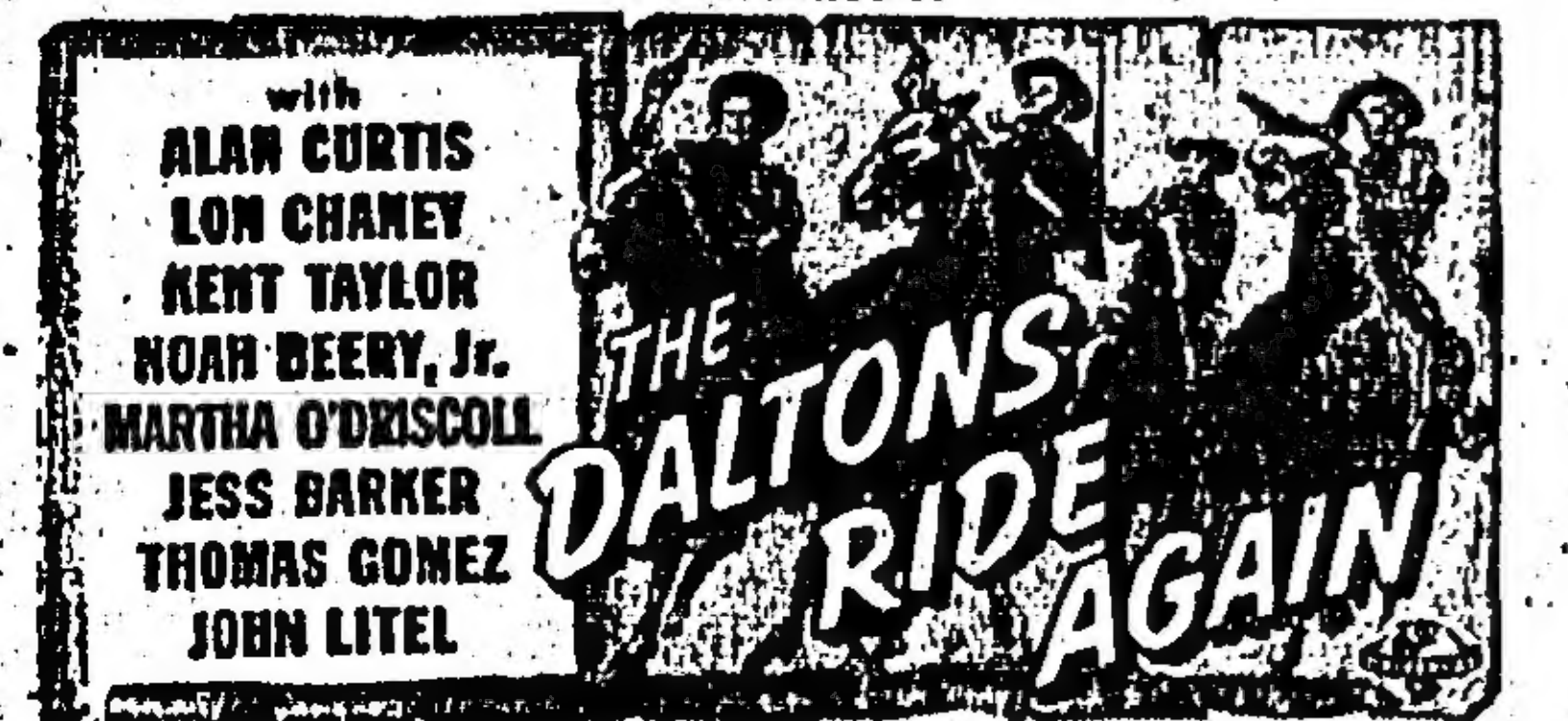
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THE DALTONS RIDE AGAIN



According To Culbertson

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Better technique, and anticipation of possible bad breaks, would have brought home the contract in today's deal.

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q 5 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ 5 3 2

WEST
♠ Q 8 5
♥ J 8
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ K 10 7 4

EAST
♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ K 8 5 4 2
♦ J 8 6
♣ A Q

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 6 2
♥ A K 10 4
♦ A Q
♣ A Q

The bidding:

West North

Pass 3 shades Pass 3 shades

Pass 4 no trump Pass 5 diamonds

Pass 6 spades Pass 6 clubs

Pass (final bid)

Blackwood Convention.

West opened the diamond queen. Declarer inspected the dummy, looked pleased with what he saw, then led a trump. He looked far less pleased when East failed to follow suit, discarding a diamond, but there was still a good chance for the contract. After cashing the two top trumps declarer laid down the heart ace, led to the heart queen and then back to the heart king. Obviously, he intended to stake everything on the club finesse. West, however, ruffed the heart king and exited with a diamond, and later the club finesse lost. Down one!

Beyond question, South encountered a series of bad breaks, but if he had anticipated the worst and prepared for it, these breaks would have proved inconsequential. As a matter of pure technique the right second play (after taking the diamond ace) was to ruff a diamond. An over-ruff by West was unlikely. East scarcely could have held an eight-card diamond suit without bidding it, non-vulnerable, at any time.

After ruffing this diamond it would be natural to lay down the trump king, and when the "bad news" came, South should also cash the spade ace. Then it would be completely logical to go to the heart queen and ruff dummy's last diamond, before laying down the ace and king of hearts. If West chose to ruff, let him—he would have to lead a club up to the A-Q. If he didn't ruff, he would be thrown in with the "sauce" queen, for the same result.

Rupert and Ninky—47



Entering the grounds, Rupert looks around for Ninky without success, but after a while he spies the tall figure of her father, the conifer, and he runs to show him the cloth donkey. "Please, can you tell what is wrong with Ninky?" he begs. "He's only made of mummy's curtains and toilet wool—but he seems to have some magic in him, because he jumps." The conifer looks solemn. "Magic, you say?" he murmurs. "That shall be proved. Come, we will go in and my cat shall tell us."

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DRY SKIN

If you are bothered by roughness of the skin, flaking, a nose that sheds powder, the chances are that you belong to the great group of "dry skins." But don't despair. There's help just around the corner if you chart your course and keep on the beam.

You should cleanse your face only with cream. You should give yourself a dry skin face treatment every day. Use a special cream, developed for your particular beauty problem. Don't make the mistake of thinking that one cream can do it all; cleanse, lubricate and act as a foundation. There may be some skins for which a single cream will do the job, but yours isn't one of them.

For your special problem, modern science has developed dry skin creams which have two notable features that make it helpful in softening that parched-like skin. First, they contain lanolin, the oil which is most like the oils of your own skin. Second, the creams are homogenized. This means that they are mixed under tremendous pressure, which breaks up the particles of oil in microscopic globules, which can sink more easily into those dry top layers of skin.

Now for your special dry skin routine. Night is the best time for this. First, cleanse thoroughly with cold cream, putting it in well. When you wipe it off with tissue, the stale makeup and grime go with it. Follow this by splashing on skin freshener. Moisture a pad of folded cleans-

ing tissue, pat face and throat with it. You will find it a refreshing pick-up.

Now you're ready for your routine. Smooth on the dry skin cream, working it up and out. Put in thoroughly from base of throat to hair-line. Pay special attention to the delicate tissues around the eyes, where little squint lines, from strain and laughter, are apt to form. This is a delicate tissue and must be handled gently.

If you have noticed sagging lines developing from nose to mouth, get after them NOW! Massage with the thumbs with a firm upward and outward movement. Do this while your skin is slippery with the cream. Do the same with any lines that hint at showing across the forehead.

While the circulation is picking your face, hop into the tub. The heat of the water steams in the cream, giving you the home equivalent of a salon face treatment. After your bath run your fingertips over your skin. If there is a thin film of cream left, then your skin has reached the saturation point. It has absorbed all that it can take. You can remove this film if you wish but it is more helpful to leave it on overnight.

For the skin which feels dry after the bath, apply a bit more cream and leave it on overnight. If your skin has absorbed all of the first application while you bathed, it's a sign that it is very dry and needs all of the rich cream possible.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Do you want a s-m-o-o-t-h look? Yes? Well, then, don't pile on new makeup ever old. It will all just look worse and worse! Take an extra Minute to cleanse your skin. A tiny jar of cleansing cream in your desk, a couple of tissues and—whisk, you are ready for a new start! You'll feel fresh and look it!



Nearest movie crepe day frock, with draped bodice ending in a swish that can be high at the back, giving a flattery effect, or wrap round again to fall in a bow in front.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"They're perfect angels since their father lost his temper yesterday, threw the child psychology book in the trash can, and paddled them!"

Sports Squabbles Cast Shadow Over 1938 Games

By Robert Musel
United Press Staff Correspondent

London, Feb. 25.

The time has come to be realistic about international sport and represent it for what it is—rather than for what it should be.

Every schoolboy knows the rosy ideal of the Olympic fathers—nations clasping friendly hands across oceans and borders, united in the great brotherhood of sport. That's the ideal, but too often lately the hands-across-the-seas have turned into fists and everywhere there seems to be a disturbing trend to consider sport an instrument of national policy.

No one likes to lose, of course, not even the British who delight in preserving the fiction that the game should be played for its own sake. But there has rarely been a period in sports history where losses have been accompanied by so many charges, counter-charges and re-cremations.

It all adds up to a sad preliminary to 1948, when London acts as host for the resumption of what one British authority called "the old, familiar drama of squabble and slander known as the Olympics." Sportsmen who feel that friction in 1948 may wreck the Olympics for all time are concerned at the current misunderstanding and misrepresentation. From a long list consider these:

POINTS AT VARIANCE

1. Sensational charges in the British press that the umpires were at fault when England lost its cricket test matches to Australia.

2. French threats to bar British boxers and British threats to bar French boxers arising out of the European middleweight situation.

3. British press suggestions that foreign soccer players be barred from playing with British teams in Britain.

4. The conflict between the American and Russian weight-lifting teams at Paris over who won the world's championships (both countries used different scoring systems).

5. Criticism of its treatment in England by Moscow's famous Dynamo football team, and complaints by the British that the British Broadcasting Corporation was transmitting to all Europe the humiliating defeat of its own team.

6. Britain's refusal to participate in the ice hockey championships in Prague, and allegations and denials that a British ice hockey team was manhandled in Czechoslovakia.

7. Charges of professionalism in tennis, weight-lifting and other sports, and efforts to get rules relaxed to fit specific national situations.

An so on and on.

NATIONAL PRIDE

Whether national pride can be divorced from sport is another question. Remember Hitler's Olympic declaration that the country which could not win on the field of sport could not hope to win on the field of battle? Recently, in a Nazi prisoner of war camp in Britain, the inmates were permitted to form a soccer team to play the British staff. As the prisoners won game after game, and efforts to get rules relaxed to fit specific national situations.

The fantastic demand for tickets to sports events still continues in Britain, and the directors of the All-England Club at Wimbledon had to ask that all applications for the tennis championships arrive before February 10. The big tournament does not open until June 23. Last year more than £20,000 had to be returned and despite the present warning, it is expected an even larger sum will have to be sent back this time.

TENNIS PROSPECTS

America's big guns in the women's matches—Pauline Betz, Margaret Osborne, Louise Brough and Doris Hart—will all be back, according to present plans, so that the championship is confidently expected (by the Americans) to remain on their side of the Atlantic.

The winter tip here is to watch Jean Quertier, Britain's hope who blew up at a vital moment last year, but has harder than any girl on the island. She is practicing incessantly.

Alice Marble, the professional champion and probably the greatest all-time woman player, looked over the British hopefuls the other day and said they all lacked "the aggressive spirit."

U. S. Federal Tenants

At least 150,000 people in the United States fail to be favored by their present landlords. That many tenants, an Associated Press survey recently disclosed, have been or soon will be asked to move out of low rent public housing projects because their incomes are too high.

In Washington, the Federal Public Housing Authority indicates that 150,000 is a minimum estimate since it is based on tenants who have filed statements of their earnings. When the low rent housing units were opened for leasing, rules were established that no tenant could occupy one if he had more than a fixed amount of income—this ranging from \$36 a month in one group of units to \$300 a month (the national maximum) in another. The housing projects were government subsidized when built.

The government wants people who can afford to pay more to go elsewhere for housing and permit people with lower income to occupy the units. Generally, however, it is not planned to force people to vacate the units who can find no other place to live.—Associated Press.

DEFENCE OF ALASKA

Troop Movements Difficulty

If Alaska ever is attacked, the enemy will strike with airborne troops, in the opinion of leading American military authorities in charge of the U.S. Army's cold weather winter manoeuvres.

"I cannot imagine moving masses of troops across this country by land," said Major-General Howard A. Craig, who has the over-all tactical command of both U.S. Army and U.S. Navy forces in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands.

Substantially the same statement was made recently by Colonel Paul V. Kane, commander of the so-called "Task Force Frigid" manoeuvre units at Fairbanks.

Communications is the key to the strategy of Alaskan defence, in the opinion of both men. There is only one railroad—blocked sometimes for weeks in bad weather—and a few main gravel motor highways connecting coastal cities, with one another and the interior.

Difficult Transportation

Transporting large numbers of troops and supplies by surface travel presents the utmost difficulty. In winter any movement through the frozen wilderness is painfully slow and uncertain. And in summer the few muddy roads provide travel surfaces which are not much better than in the winter. Sending mechanized divisions across the tundra is feasible to extend the motor highway system and railroad.—Associated Press.

The greatest contribution that could be made to the security of Alaska would be development of the country," said General Craig. A bigger population would make it feasible to extend the motor highway system and railroad.—Associated Press.

Nice Words For Chinese

Walter Winchell, famous American gossip columnist with 25,000,000 readers, said a few nice words about overseas Chinese in the United States in his daily column, reports Central News.

"Chinese colonies in America have the lowest crime rates," he said. "Relief agencies, even during the depression, seldom see a Chinese face. Chinese benevolent societies quietly take care of them. Chinese have been accused of lowering the standard of living by taking low-paying jobs. The fact is, they have been forced to take such jobs, because bigotry barred them from working in high-salaried industries."

Winchell is currently campaigning against racial and religious bigotry in the United States. He says there are 256 different religious denominations in the United States, and America is a nation composed of minorities, therefore her reputation as a melting pot must be kept.

White Moslem Missionary

Bryan Orchard, a former Lieutenant with the Indian Army, has become Britain's first Moslem missionary and will work under his adopted Islamic name of Bashir Ahmad Orchard.

While serving in the Indian theatre during the war, Orchard, a former Bristol clerk, accepted the Ahmadliya movement of Islam. Later, he said, he decided to dedicate his life to mission work for the Ahmadliya community.

At present Orchard is studying Moslem theology and languages at the London mosque. He has grown a beard like his Indian colleagues, but he wears western clothes.—Associated Press.

DOG SAVED LIFE OF GIRL

A Washington railway engineer, Jerry Sullivan, gives a Montreal dog credit for saving the life of a 27-month-old girl by absorbing the impact of the locomotive with his own body while the child stood on the tracks.

The girl, Judith Ann Cotton, recalled that a cat and a slightly fouled hand as the dog body hurried against her and knocked her from the track. The dog was only slightly injured.

ANTARCTIC WINTER SETTING IN

Little America (Delayed).

Feb. 22.

Three minutes ago—exactly at midnight, February 21—the sun flattened itself like a glowing football on the southern horizon and then slipped completely below the horizon surface in the first sunset the men of Little America have seen on the Antarctic Continent on this expedition.

Approximately two months from now, after staying below the horizon longer each night, the sun will fail to rise and the long winter night will set in.

The sun dipped below the Ross Shelf ice horizon, beyond original Little America, for only a few minutes to-night. Consequently there was no darkness. But during the twilight period, the beauty of the Antarctic held the men of this expedition enchanted.

A luminous slit of open sky on the south-western horizon seemed scissored out of the deep gray mottled clouds overhead. To the north the "water sky" over Ross Sea became a fantasy of deep blues stepping into a purple core. Pink fluffs of clouds hung against the blues like cotton circus candy.

To leave Little America

The first sunset marked the end of the winter group phase of "Operation High Jump" in which 197 men lived in Little America since February 6, when their ships departed northward to get clear of the ice pack before it became impetuous. The air transports, which have penetrated deeply into unexplored territory, are continuing but the arrival of the evacuation ship, the icebreaker Burton Island, was a reminder that Little America is scheduled to be abandoned soon. The latest two flights filled in unexplored gaps along and inland from the mountain ranges which border the western shore of Ross Sea. The two flights, each of which lasted over 10 hours, photographed and mapped hundreds of new mountains and made numerous corrections in existing maps.

The crews reported seeing a huge glacier which "spilled over a mountain cliff and hung straight downward like a tremendous frozen waterfall."—United Press.

MANILA IS HAVEN OF REFUGE

Manila, sprawling, half-wrecked city, is fast resuming a role of refuge from the disturbances of the countryside it played during the Japanese occupation, and its population is well past the million mark.

Landowners from Hukbalahap-affected areas of central and eastern Luzon are finding Manila a healthier place than their native haciendas, while labour organisers and families and Left Wing element leaders likewise are afraid to venture away from the metropolitan area, reports Associated Press.

By common agreement, apparently the city and immediate suburbs are reasonably safe for refugees of both Right and Left affiliations.

Cyriano Cid, editor of the Manila Evening News and President of the Committee on Labor Organizations, attributes this to the presence of Japanese and to the press, which is alert for instances of infringement of civil liberties.

"To-day it will be suicide for any labour organizer to attempt to go into the country districts of this part of Luzon. He is almost certain to be killed."

Kidnappings and killings of land-owners and their agents are frequently reported from such hotbeds of Hukbalahap revolt as Tarlac, Pampanga and Nueva Ecija provinces. Along main highways and in larger towns of the affected provinces, hundreds of miserable grass huts are being erected by peasant refugees from the back areas, where fighting between the Huk and military police has been frequent and danger from small arms and mortar fire acute.

JULIANA TOLD THERE'S HOPE

Willem Runderkamp, of Amsterdam, father of eight daughters and one son, sent a message to Princess Juliana from his Volendam home. The message said "Keep your head up—your eight daughters will get a son at last."

Palace quarters said the telegraphed message referring to the birth of Juliana's fourth daughter was "more frank than reverential."—United Press.

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Pearl Harbour, Feb. 27. All available army, navy and marine firefighting equipment was rushed to-day to Pearl Harbour to combat a fire roaring along the quarter-mile wooden dock.

Seven firefighting tugs rushed to the scene, which was on the submarine side of the naval base.

The oil-soaked dock was a raging inferno in a few minutes. A pall of smoke overhung the navy yard.—Associated Press.

KNOWLEDGE OF POLAR REGIONS

CANADA INVITES CO-OPERATION

New York, Feb. 27. Louis Saint Laurent, Canadian External Affairs Minister, invited the Soviet Union and other members of the United Nations to participate with Canada and the United States in "development of knowledge" about the North Polar regions.

In a speech to the Rotary Club of New York, Saint Laurent said: "I see no reason why within the framework of the United Nations there should not be created facilities for the development of knowledge about the northern areas on the widest possible basis."

"I have no hesitation in saying that my country would be happy to co-operate in such an enterprise provided it were established upon proper basis of reciprocity. We are already exchanging meteorological information upon reciprocal basis with our Russian neighbours. Why not extend the practice to other useful information?"

RUSSIAN PRESS CRITICISED
He criticised the Russian press for "false and misleading statements" about United States-Canadian activities in the far north.

He denied that polar military bases had been given the United States. Saint Laurent said anyone was free to go into Canada's northland. He said they would find less than 100 American soldiers at a small scientific observation post at Fort Churchill, in Manitoba.—Associated Press.

U.S. AIR PACT WITH SIAM

Washington, Feb. 27. The State Department announced to-day that the United States had signed an air transport agreement with Siam.

The pact is similar to the agreements previously signed with 20 other countries in efforts to establish round-the-world American air routes. The Siam pact permits American aerial operations through Bangkok in both directions—to Saigon and beyond to China, to the Philippines and across the Pacific to the United States.

Siamese airlines are authorised to extend services to Los Angeles via Honolulu.—Associated Press.

Korean Denies Moscow Tale

Washington, Feb. 27. Dr. Syngman Rhee to-day denied a Moscow report that he came to the United States to obtain arms for a military campaign against the Communists in north Korea. Dr. Rhee, who is chairman of the South Korean Democratic League, said the report, published by the Soviet trade union paper, Trud, is "obviously a Russian smokescreen for what they are doing in north Korea."—Associated Press.

Dangerous Burma Lawlessness

Rangoon, Feb. 27. Sir Arthur Bruce, chairman of the Burma Chamber of Commerce, said to-day that lawlessness in the country was going from "bad to worse" and Burma's future would be endangered unless strong measures were taken to bring the situation under control.

Addressing the Chamber's annual general meeting, he said also that the public was "completely and dangerously ignorant" of the country's financial situation. He urged publication of the budget to inform the people.

The audience included Governor Sir Hubert Rance and U Aung Sang, deputy chairman of the Executive Committee.—Associated Press.

AGED ACTOR DEAD

Los Angeles, Feb. 27. Ben Webster, for over 50 years a leading actor on the London and New York stages and husband of the film actress, Dama May Whitty, died here yesterday, aged 82. His wife was at his bedside.—Associated Press.

Church Supporting Spanish Falangists

Rome, Feb. 27. Julio Alvarez del Vayo, former Spanish Republican Foreign Minister, to-day charged the Church in Spain "has always supported Franco and still to-day cannot repair this voluntary error."

Del Vayo, who is now in Rome as correspondent of the American weekly, The Nation, said in an interview in the newspaper Avanti that opposition against Franco in Spain is "almost general, and the only elements which support him inside Spain are generally the Church and the Army, especially the latter two."

COLONEL HELD BY SCAP IN JEWEL CASE

Yokohama, Feb. 28. The Eighth Army headquarters announced yesterday that a special investigating officer, designated by the U.S. Army, will shift the evidence against Col Edward J. Murray—previously charged with the custody of SCAP-held jewels in the Bank of Japan and recently caught possessing \$200,000 worth of diamonds from the bank's vaults.

The charges include misappropriation of property, conduct unbecoming to an officer and conduct prejudicial to the service. The Army said when investigation is completed a full report will be made to Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commanding general of the occupation army.

Murray, who arrived by plane on February 18, is now held in the Eighth Army stockade.—United Press.

ETNA LAVA DIVERTED

Rome, Feb. 27. The white hot stream of lava oozing from a fissure on the northern slope of Mount Etna in Sicily, which has been in violent eruption for three days, is not at present menacing any villages, according to a report from the correspondent of the Italian News Agency, who flew over the volcano yesterday evening.

The correspondent did not mention the fate of Cisterna, evacuated yesterday, as the white hot tide flowed down on it. The lava appeared to have been diverted from its general line of advance, missing the village of Passetto, two miles due north of Cisterna, the correspondent said.—Reuter.

Against Paying Athletes

Chicago, Feb. 27. Mr. Avery Brundage, president of the U.S. Olympic Association, to-day declared that the Association had rejected a proposal that amateur Olympic athletes be allowed to collect "broken time" pay equivalent to wages lost while competing as amateurs.

He said the U.S. Association "never will yield its stand against payments of any kind to Olympic athletes or against Olympic participation by athletes who compete with professionalism."

The ruling concerns a request that ice hockey "amateurs" be allowed "broken time" pay for time lost from work.—United Press.

FRENCH SWIMMER FOR AMERICA

Toulouse, Feb. 27. Alex Jany, French swimming champion and holder of many European and world records, is to visit the United States to compete in the swimming championships at Columbus, Ohio, on April 4 and 5, according to an announcement by the French Swimming Federation to-day.—Reuter.

NOT SO SERIOUS

Basle, Feb. 27. Mrs. Churchill arrived at Basle to-day to visit her daughter Mary, who with her husband, Captain Christopher Soames, is spending her honeymoon at St. Moritz.

It is understood that Captain Soames is suffering from a slight cold and under observation for stomach trouble, from which he suffered during the war.

He is not, however, confined to bed.—Reuter.

Rugger International Postponed

London, Feb. 27. The Rugby League International match between England and France to be played at Huddersley, Leeds, on March 8 has been postponed owing to the frozen state of the ground.

The suggested new date is Wednesday, April 16.—Reuter.

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"Error of the Church," del Vayo said, "lay in the fact that it gambled everything in Spain on only one—the Falangist card. It did not profit from its long experience of the double game with which it succeeded in getting along during the civil wars of the 19th century between Carlists and Liberals when priests were on both sides. But to-day they are all on the side of Franco, especially the ecclesiastical hierarchy closely attached to the policy of the Vatican."

Del Vayo said a great occasion for getting rid of Franco was lost by the Anglo-Saxon powers two weeks after the San Francisco conference when Franco was "disposed to leave." He added that immediately after the conference, Franco knew that "condemnation of his regime was only verbal."

"It was then that Franco began to play with the Allies and set himself the political objective of becoming 'ally of the Allies' for an action against the Soviet Union," del Vayo said. He added that indirect support for Franco came from the Anglo-Saxon policy which he called "more anarchic than conservative."

Exiles Not United
Del Vayo said Spanish Republicans in exile were not united and that this helped Franco's regime. However, he added, there is a "spirit of resistance" loyal to the "ideals of the Spanish war for a continued fight against Franco and for the re-establishment of the republic."

Spanish Republican resistance, del Vayo said, was compromising and rejected firmly every monarchical solution. He added that it would be doubly grotesque if the magnificent Spanish Republican epic should be concluded with the return of Don Juan to the throne.—United Press.

BEVIN URGES RATIFICATION

(Continued from Page 1)

"We are anxious to restore old connections which should be valuable to Italy and ourselves and I do not limit this to Italy. We want to establish our trade with all Mediterranean countries which have suffered so much as a result of this war."

Mr. Bevin turned next to the Danube question and reiterated that "we desire to keep it open for all states on a footing of equality." Further, he said that he hoped to see the waters utilised by neighbouring countries for international electric power development.

Turning to the forthcoming Moscow meeting of the Foreign Ministers Council, Mr. Bevin said: "The agenda facing us is a difficult one." He said the "voluntarism" report of the Allied Control Council in Berlin "makes it clear how great is the task of dealing with a country like Germany which has been devastated by war."

MINISTER'S OBSESSION

"We cannot afford to have 60,000,000 forming a depressed area in the centre of Europe. It may drag down the standards of other countries and may well prevent the recovery of many other countries."

"On the other hand, we have got to provide for the security of Europe. I am not sure yet, even after two years, whether the Germans really recognise the benefits of peace and the stupidity of war."

"They have got to learn it, either by implication or in some way, because while there is a lot of talk going about the Western and Eastern powers, I am obsessed more than anything else by these major powers having differences and the result of these differences being the resurgence of Germany."—United Press.

RAF Appointment

London, Feb. 27. Air Vice-Marshal Francis Frederic Inglis has been appointed Senior Air Staff Officer, Far Eastern Air Command Headquarters, it was announced by the Air Ministry to-day.—Reuter.

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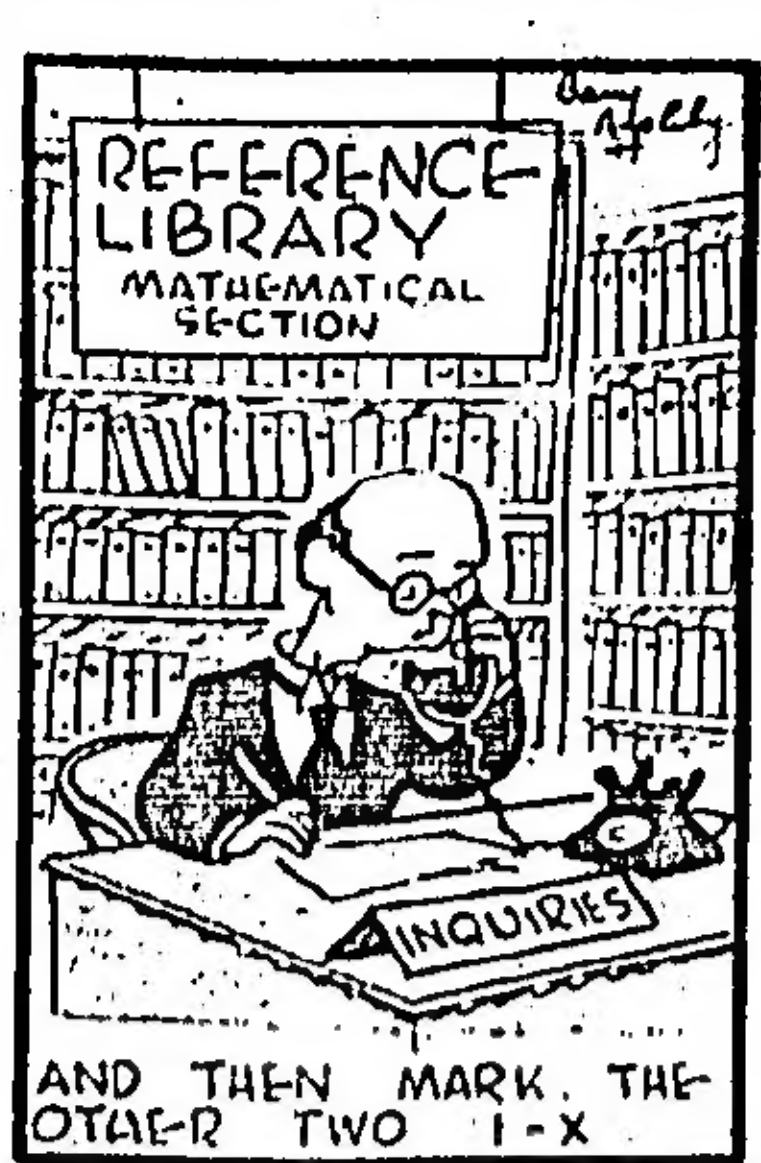
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POCKET CARTOON



ATOM BOMB AIR FORCE CALLED FOR

Austin, Texas, Feb. 27. General Jonathan Wainwright, commanding the Fourth Army, recommended to-day creation of an atomic bomb air force and universal military training for sound national security.

Wainwright told a joint session of the Texas legislature that the best way of ensuring United States security would be to build quickly 10 or more monstrous airplanes and keep a stockpile of atomic bombs on hand.

He said the bombers should be large enough to fly anywhere on earth with a full load of bombs and back again. Wainwright said at present there are only three major powers in the world, one of which "is in a state of partial disintegration and the other might become aggressor. The decline of one will leave us to face this menace alone."—Associated Press.

Soames Illness Said Slight

St. Moritz, Feb. 27. Mrs. Winston Churchill arrived at St. Moritz by rail late to-day to visit her daughter, Mrs. Christopher Soames, who is on her honeymoon. Mrs. Soames, formerly Miss Mary Churchill, met her mother at the station alone. Her husband went to a doctor's office while his wife went to the station.

Attendants at the couple's hotel said Captain Soames had suffered "a slight" illness last week-end, which was attributed to ulcers.—Associated Press.

DAUGHTER FOR MR NOEL BOOKER

A daughter was born at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, on Feb. 19 to Mrs. Booker, wife of Mr. Noel Booker, son of Supt. Booker of the Hongkong Police. Noel Booker studied at the Central British School here, and after graduation joined the staff of Jardine, Matheson and Co. He was transferred to Shanghai after the Pacific War.

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Bizarre Welcome For King

On Board The Royal Train, Feb. 27.

Witch doctors of the Hosa tribe, black dancers in leopard skins and Bantu hymn singers arrayed themselves exuberantly before the Royal Family to-day in New Brighton, a suburb of Port Elizabeth with a progressive native housing scheme.

The Royal Family drove past medicine men and women whose faces, chests, arms and legs were stained in the traditional tribal fashion and whose bodies were adorned with skins, feathers and beads and surmounted with huge headdresses. Several, including women, smoked big pipes.

Leaping, chanting, beating drums, and brandishing spears, the bizarre figures exerted themselves furiously when Their Majesties appeared. Here and there a single native wrapped in animal skin rose from the throng flapping his arms and legs in grotesque fashion.

In sharp contrast were the Bantu palm singers, many of them elderly and wearing grizzled beards. They all slowly waved palm branches as they stood in front of the Bantu Church of Christ.—Associated Press.

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Macao, Trinahua, Shikhi, 4 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Kobe, Yokohama, 4 p.m.

DEATH

HUMJAIN-USUP Humjain, age 82, at his residence, 4 Seymour Road, on February 27, 1947, at 11.15 a.m.

Funeral on Friday, February 28, at 4.15 p.m., at Monument 5th p.m. No flowers by request. (Liverpool, Shanghai & Tientsin papers please copy).

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